

REMARKS

An Article 34 amendment is filed concurrently herewith.

Claims shown in the Article 34 amendment are the originally filed claims.

Claims 1-13 are currently amended.

Claims 14-20 are added.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to improve the readability of the claims.

The amendments to the claims are supported by the claims and specification, as originally filed.

Support for claim 1 can be found in the specification, as originally filed, at page 23, lines 18-20 and page 24, lines 37-39. Support for claim 2 can be found in the specification, as originally filed, at page 28, lines 18-26. Support for claim 3 can be found in the specification, as originally filed, at page 23, lines 37-40. Support for claim 4 can be found in the specification, as originally filed, at page 23, lines 28-35 and page 24, lines 1-4. Support for claim 5 can be found in claim 5, as originally filed. Support for claim 6 can be found in the specification, as originally filed, at page 24, lines 1-24. Support for claim 7 can be found in the specification, as originally filed, at page 24, lines 45-46. Support for claim 8 can be found in the specification, as originally filed, at page 23, lines 28-35 and page 24, lines 1-4. Support for claim 9 can be found in the specification, as originally filed, at page 24, lines 1-4 and 45-46. Support for claim 10 can be found in the specification, as originally filed, at page 23, lines 37-40. Support for claim 11 can be found in the specification, as originally filed, at page 23, lines 22-25. Support for claims 12-13 can be found in claims 12-13, as originally filed. Support for claims 14-15 can be found in claim 5, as originally filed. Support for claims 16-17 can be found in claims 8-9, as originally filed. Support for claims 18-19 can be

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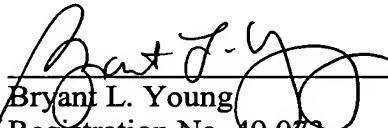
found in claim 11, as originally filed. Support for claim 20 can be found in claim 12, as originally filed.

Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1-20 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the amendments. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

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